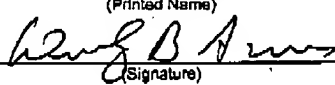


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Arnett et al.  
Title: SHOCK-RESISTANT AND  
ENVIRONMENTALLY  
SEALED CONTAINER  
Appl. No.: 09/689,001  
Appl. Filing Date: 10/12/2000  
Examiner: S. Castellano  
Art Unit: 3727

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)**

a. Previously submitted:

☐ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

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- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_.
- b. Enclosed are:
- ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other .

## Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	28	- 28	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	7	- 7	= 0	x \$86.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$290.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$770.00

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**[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:**

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**[ X ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0872 in the amount of \$860.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.**

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**[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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